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REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his comments. In order to expedite the conclusion of prosecution, the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of former Claim 14, which the Examiner found allowable. New independent Claim 61 combines former Claim 11 with former Claim 47, which the Examiner found allowable. New Claim 62 combines former Claim 11 with former Claim 50, which the Examiner found allowable. New Claim 63 combines former Claim 11 with former Claim 57, which the Examiner found allowable. New Claims 64 and 65 depend from Claim 63 and correspond to former Claims 58 and 59, which the Examiner found allowable.

a) Claim Rejection Based on Nesculescu

The rejection of Claims 11-13, 15-24, 38-46, 48-49, 51-53, 55-56 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Publication 2004/0005832 ("Nesculescu") is respectfully traversed. This rejection has been overcome by the foregoing amendment, which presents only claims held to recite allowable subject matter. This rejection should be withdrawn.

b) Claim Rejection Based on Udipi

The rejection of Claims 11, 18, 19, 38-41 and 54 under 35 U.S. C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,135,037 ("Udipi") is respectfully traversed. This rejection has also been overcome by the foregoing amendment, which presents only claims held to recite allowable subject matter. This rejection should be withdrawn.

c) Conclusion

Applicants believe that the claims, as presented, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner detects any unresolved issues, then Applicants' attorney respectfully requests a telephone call from the Examiner, and a telephone interview.

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